



REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Dear Chamber Member,

It's Membership Renewal Time. As the summer season is beginning to wind down, it is time to consider maintaining your membership in the Chamber. Membership renewal is due by August 31st for the 2023 – 2024 season.

2023 has been a much better year for our community than that past 2 or 3 years. It appears that business is better, and vacationers have returned to the area. Road construction has been completed and although there are some new challenges with the change to Mainstreet, I have to admit it looks much more inviting than it did.

In addition to the revitalized Mainstreet, The Northland Lions Club is in the process of installing a brand new playground on the Remer Depot grounds behind the Pavilion. Many of the pieces have already been installed and with the addition of some handicap accessible equipment this fall we will have a wonderful new spot for families to come and have some fun. There has also been a lot of work by some local volunteers to really clean up and refresh the grounds around the Depot. Many of the overgrown and weed infested areas have been cleared out and replanted and it looks very inviting for people to stop in. We are also looking to repaint the Depot and Caboose and get it to a state that we may possibly be able to re-open them again to the public.

This year we've also seen growth in the business community! We have three new businesses (two on Mainstreet) this year. Earlier this year, Chad and Jodie purchased the Lovin' Scoopful and re-opened as Chopper's Meats, Eats, and Treats, In addition to ice cream, they have added fresh made pizza and are working towards offering some BBQ fare as well. We've also had Jeremy Hohensee and Nick Hinnenkamp open Remer Repair, a full-service auto (and anything else with a motor) repair shop in the old Wagner Trucking buildings. Lastly, we welcomed Matt Doughty, who has started the Bigfoot Power Washing and Mobile Detailing business. We would like to welcome all of you to town.

Finally, I am very excited about an opportunity we are working on with various stakeholder in Remer to potentially bring the Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) organization into our community to help us work on grant projects to improve our community in ways we hope can spur economic development and increase the size and wellness of our community.

I hope that you see the benefits of the work that the chamber does to improve our community and business environment. With that I will humbly ask that you continue your support of the chamber by renewing your membership. I would also ask you be involved and work with us to help improve our business community. We would love to hear your feedback, comments, and ideas on things we could possibly do to make us all more successful. If you haven't been involved in the past or been away for a few years, make this the year you try it out.

Thank you for your continued support of our business community.

Jon Karner
President
Remer Area Chamber of Commerce